

MINUTES OF THE
EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
ZONING TASKFORCE MEETING HELD ON MAY 14, 2007
(Approved June 18, 2007)

The Board of Supervisors held a Zoning Task Force Meeting on Monday, May 14, 2007. Present for the meeting were supervisors W. Atlee Rinehart, Robert F. Preston, John Doering, Jr., Timothy Roland, and Rosemarie C. Miller. Also in attendance was Township Planner Wayne Grafton of The Grafton Association and Walter Woessner, Vice-Chair, East Coventry Township Planning Commission and Gail Brown, Chairwoman of the East Coventry Township Historical Commission.

Six (6) members of the general public were present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

Gail Brown, Chair, East Coventry Township Historical Commission noted concerns regarding information not being provided to the Historical Commission in a timely manner.

Mr. Rinehart noted concerns of information being to the Board the night a meeting without allowing enough time to review such documents.

Mr. Preston moved to not address issues at Board of Supervisor's meetings unless information has been provided to East Coventry Township seven (7) days in advance of the meeting at which the information is to be discussed and the Board of Supervisors received the information through normal distribution in its packets prior the board meeting. Mr. Doering seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

One of the documents that caused concern by the Historical Commission Chair was a letter that was sent directly to the Chairman of the Board. Mr. Rinehart noted he had requested the township staff not open his mail and alert him when something does arrive so he may review. A motion containing a directive to township staff followed.

Mr. Preston moved to authorize the township secretary to open all mail and distribute accordingly. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. A roll call was taken. Mr. Roland voted yes, Mr. Doering voted yes, Mr. Preston voted yes, Mrs. Miller voted yes, and Mr. Rinehart voted no. The motion carried with a 4-1-0 vote.

Mr. Rinehart did then note that the township secretary may open mail under the insignia of Federal, State, County, etc. agencies.

Mr. Rinehart noted the Keystate Publishers will attend the May 21, 2007 meeting instead of holding a special meeting on May 22, 2007. Mr. Preston moved to authorize township secretary to forward the adopted un-codified version of the Zoning Ordinance dated

September 19, 2005 so the codifiers may identify all inconsistencies between the codified and un-codified versions. Mr. Doering seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

Joanne Bachrach of 478 Ellis Woods Road noted her house was up for sale and her septic did not pass County inspection and inquired if she could hook up to sewer. The Chairman of the Board of Supervisors noted they will address this issue at the May 21, 2007 workshop meeting.

2. ZONING ORDINANCE DISCUSSION/ZONING MAP DISCUSSION

Articles 9, 10 and 11 were reviewed.

In Article 10 the list of Prohibited Uses was deleted and Section 1001.B.6 is to appear under Special Exceptions. Berms were also addressed in Article 10. A definition for berms will be added.

Mr. Rinehart moved to approve Fire Police request for an event in Warwick for the Chester County Historical Society on June 2, 2007. Mr. Preston seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

Berkheimer's contract is in effect until December 31, 2007 and the Board noted they would solicit proposal for EIT Collector.

3. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Mr. Preston requested the administration staff to provide a "Year to Date" status of expenditures as compared to all budgets (Clarification: General Fund, Capital Reserve Fund, Highway Aid Fund, Traffic Impact Fund, Sewer Operating Fund, Sewer Capital Fund, Sewer Loan and including North Coventry Municipal Authority's share, and the status of the One Million Dollar Loan to the Township). Also, requested were staff salaries by individual including overtime with the "Year to Date" comparison to budgeted amount in any fund containing labor. (Clarification: Note the sewer funds information can be obtained directly from Commerce Bank due to the requisition system).

4. ADJOURNMENT

The next zoning taskforce meeting will be held June 11, 2007. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Roland
Assistant Township Secretary